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Junior mountain trip in 1993 and now.



Senior dinner in 1987 and yellow roses at graduation.



MEMORIES MADE

Celebrating Old and New Traditions



A SCHOOL'S TRADITIONS are the bedrock of its community — the place from which it builds its story and ticks off the years that create its legacy.

Traditions are the glue that binds together alumni of all ages. No matter when you were a part of the Ravenscroft community, you participated in some of the School's traditions. And, you heard stories told about traditions that have since been replaced or relegated to a page in a yearbook and a relic ensconced in an archive room.

No school traditions date back 150 years, or even 75, but many enjoy decades of longevity. Many alumni remember singing the School's anthem; others might be surprised to learn there is a school anthem. Some fondly recall maypole dances at the Medieval Festival, while others took part in the Madrigal Dinner, a newer tradition that is much different, but recalls the same period of history.

At commencements, our graduates solemnly lift a yellow rose from an ornate vase, walk through assembled family and friends, and present that rose to their mothers. Many believe that tradition is almost as old as the School, but it dates back only a dozen years. The roses in the York Garden, which still bloom today, are a similar memory for others.

Homecoming traditions have remained true over the years. The Powder Puff football game, the Homecoming Court, the Pep

Band, and reunions are all still ways we welcome back alumni in the fall.

In Lower School, Grandparents & Special Friends Day dates back at least to the '80s. Grade-level plays and musicals have been a right-of-passage. Moonlight Math is a not-to-be-missed third-grade tradition that spans three decades. Fifth graders have their traditional trip to Williamsburg, Va. And, of course, there is the annual Field Day tradition capped off by a very competitive tug-of-war.

Holiday traditions abound. The Christmas Pageant is always a memory for Tucker Street alumni, and younger students remember holiday chapels and concerts and making gingerbread houses from graham crackers, gobs of white frosting, and candy of all colors.

Middle School students have their own traditions: the eighth-grade mountain trip has changed from a class trip in the mountains of Swannanoa, N.C., to an educational tour of our nation's capital combined with an outdoor education experience at Heifer International's Global Village at the Shepherd Springs facility in Maryland.

There are too many memories made at Ravenscroft to recount them all. But, take a walk down memory lane and celebrate our traditions and all the people who have helped establish a lifetime of memories. *R*



8th grade trip to Heifer International Global Village in 2012 and the 8th grade mountain trip in 1989.



Making gingerbread houses in Lower School now and the Christmas Pageant in 1946.



GRANDPARENTS DAY



Grandparents Day in 1987 and now.



Powder Puff Football in 1976 and now.



POWDER PUFF



Moonlight Math now and in 1988.



Soccer Invitational now and in 1974.



Medieval Festival in 1980 and Madrigal Dinner now.



Madrigal DINNER



"Annie Get Your Gun" musical performance in 1989 and "Wizard of Oz" in 2012.



Damsels service group in 1981 and Key Club service at Wake Relief food bank now.